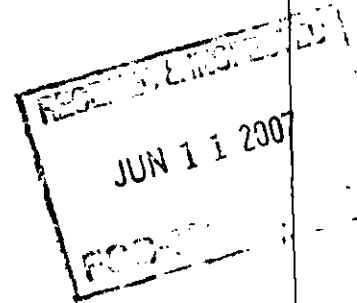


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William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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SUBJECT: Telephone Area Codes

Dear Chairman Kennard:

There is only one way to solve the problem of the number of area codes, and that is to add extra digits to the regular telephone number. My telephone number is 991-4371. Make it eight or nine digits instead of seven. Make it, 9991-4371.

They did this *years ago* in Australia. I know the population is much less than here, but when I was there twenty years ago, the telephone numbers were eight digits. The area code for Melbourne, Victoria was 03, and it still is 03.

Americans don't like change. They don't like a one or two dollar coin, or paper money in different sizes and colors (I honestly don't know how vision-impaired/blind people manage). Countries in the rest of the world make these changes. Why can't we? We are so far behind in many ways when we used to lead.

Americans will have to be told this is how it is going to be, and they would have to adapt. The same would go with the telephone number. The telephone companies probably don't want to spend the money changing their equipment.....tough. Do everybody a favor, add extra digits, and get rid of so many area codes.

Sincerely,


James Campbell.

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